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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

This letter is to notify you that I have issued a final decision notice and finding of no significant impact for the Tower Fire Salvage and Reforestation Project. I have selected modified alternative 2, as described in the decision notice. We appreciate all the input we have received during the planning and analysis phases of this project. Your comments have been useful in the development and design of the project and have informed my decision.

A copy of the Tower Fire Salvage and Reforestation Project decision notice, environmental assessment, and supporting documents are available on the Idaho Panhandle National Forest website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48433>.

Implementation

An Emergency Situation Determination (ESD) expedites the time period in which these salvage sales could be offered to the public by allowing implementation of the project immediately after a decision on the project has been signed and published. An ESD pursuant to 36 CFR 218.21 was granted by the Chief of the Forest Service for this project on June 2, 2016. When it is determined that an emergency situation exists with respects to all or part of the proposed project or activity, the proposed action shall not be subject to the predecisional objection process and implementation may proceed immediately after notification that a decision has been made and documented in a decision notice (36 CFR 218.21(d)(1)). The ESD documentation is posted on the project website.

Where to Get More Information

For additional information, please contact Tim Knight, Priest Lake District Ranger at (208) 443-6801 or tcknight@fs.fed.us or Edward Koberstein, Forester at (208) 267-6729 or ekoberstein@fs.fed.us during normal business hours.

I appreciate your time and interest in the Tower Fire Salvage and Reforestation Project and the management of our public lands.

Sincerely,



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Forest Supervisor

